

REMARKS

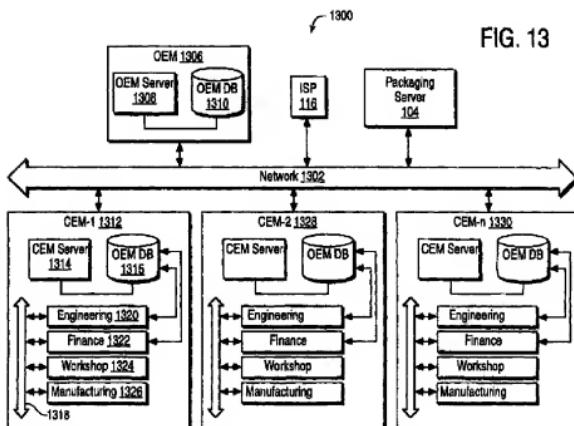
Status of the Application:

Claims 4, 6–10, 12, 13 and 15–23 are the claims of record of the application. Claims Claims 4, 6–10, 12, 13 and 15–23 were rejected in a Final Office Action mailed April 11, 2006. An after-final response and RCE were filed 10 July 2006 in response to the Final Office Action of April 11, 2006.

This is to supplement the response filed 10 July 2006.

Comment on FIG. 13 of U.S. Patent 7,010,580 to Fu et al.

FIG. 13 of U.S. Patent 7,010,580 (hereinafter Fu) is shown below.



In the description of FIG. 13, the response of 10 July 2006 spoke of the other entities being OEM-1, OEM2, etc. Upon closer examination of the drawing and reading the text of Fu, it is clear that Fu refers to these entities as CEM-1, CEM-2, etc., not OEM-1... In col. 4, lines 49–55, Fu identifies a CEM as a "Contract Equipment Manufacturers" who provide manufacturing services to a (single) "Original Equipment Manufacturer" who is the data owner.

Applicants apologize for this error. The arguments presented in the response of 10 July 2006 stand, but the examiner is requested to substitute CEM-1, CEM-2, etc., for the terms OEM-1, OEM-2, etc.

That Fu makes a clear distinction between the single data owner (the OEM) and the multiple entities that might access data owned by that owner (the CEMs) certainly reinforces the point that Fu does not envision a system with multiple data owners.

Thus, as stated in the response filed 10 July 2006, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

The Applicants believe all of Examiner's rejections have been overcome with respect to all remaining claims (as amended), and that the remaining claims are allowable. Action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would advance the prosecution and allowance of this application, an email message to the undersigned at dov@inventek.com, or a telephone call to the undersigned at +1-510-547-3378 is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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